

In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

When the carriage 16 is driven to swing about the support shaft 15 during the flight of the flying head slider 19, the flying head slider 19 is allowed to cross the recording tracks defined on the magnetic recording disk 13 in the radial direction of the magnetic recording disk 13. This radial movement serves to position the flying head slider 19 right above a target recording track on the magnetic recording disk 13. An actuator 21 such as a voice coil motor (VCM) may be employed to realize the swinging movement of the carriage 16. As conventionally known, in the case where two or more magnetic recording disks 13 isare incorporated within the inner space of the main enclosure 12, a pair of the elastic head suspensions 18 may commonly be mounted on the swinging arm 17 between the adjacent magnetic recording disks 13.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

When the airflow 25 acts on the head slider 19 from the rotating magnetic recording disk 13, a lift is generated at the air bearing surfaces 30, 33. The generated lift allows the flying head slider 19 to fly above the surface of the rotating magnetic recording disk 13. Part of the airflow is guided toward the trailing end of the slider body 22 along the

outside surface of the side rails 29 after colliding against the front surface of the front rail 28. The airflow is prevented from entering the space behind the front rail 28 from the opposite ends of the front rail 28 in the lateral direction. The airflow having of ~~passing~~passed over the air bearing surface 30 on the front rail 28 is allowed to easily expand in the vertical direction perpendicular to the surface of the magnetic recording disk 13 behind the front rail 28. This rapid expansion of the airflow generates a negative pressure acting on the flying head slider 19. The generated negative pressure is balanced with the aforementioned lift so that the flying head slider 19 flies above the magnetic recording disk 13 by a stabilized flying height.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A void 41 is defined in the slider body 22 between the slits 35. The void 41 includes a first elongated gap 42 extending in the lateral direction between the slits 35. The first elongated gap 42 serves to define the leading end surface of the movable block 38. A pair of second elongated gaps 43 are connected to the opposite ends of the first elongated gap 42. The second elongated gaps 43 are designed to extend in parallel with the corresponding slits 35 toward the trailing end of the slider body 22. The second elongated gaps 43 ~~ends~~end positions spaced from the trailing end of the slider body 22. At the same time, the second elongated gaps 43 extend from the opposite ends of the first elongated gap 42 toward the leading end of the slider body, respectively, in parallel with the corresponding slits 35. The first and second elongated gaps 42, 43 penetrate through the slider body 22 between the

bottom surface 26 and the top surface, namely, between the outer surface facing upward and the outer surface facing downward in the same manner as the slits 35.